

# Colonic Stent Insertion with Sedation

## Patient Discharge Information

Endoscopy Department



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## **Patient discharge information for Colonic stent insertion with sedation**

The sedation drugs can remain in your system and have effects up to 24 hours after your procedure. Although you may feel awake, these drugs can impair your judgement, balance, and reaction times. For this reason, we will ensure that you have a responsible adult to take you home after your procedure and look after you for the next 24 hours.

### **For the next 24 hours you MUST NOT:**

- Drive your car. Your insurer will not cover you for this period following sedation.
- Operate machinery (including any potentially hazardous kitchen appliances).
- Climb ladders.
- Sign any legally binding documents.
- Drink alcohol. Alcohol will increase the effect of any sedative remaining in your body.

### **For the next 24 hours you MUST:**

- Rest for the whole day and avoid strenuous activity.
- Take your medications as normal unless you have been told otherwise.
- Have someone with you in case of any problem arising from the effects of sedation.
- Have someone to help you if you care for children or elderly sick relatives.

Although most patients can not feel the stent once it is in the correct position, some patients report a degree of abdominal discomfort, particularly in the first two weeks after insertion. If you experience ongoing discomfort, bloating or abdominal spasms, please contact the endoscopy unit for further advice.

Your bowel function will improve over the next few days but it generally helps to eat a low fibre diet. As a general guide, this means eating food that does not need a lot of chewing and avoiding food with skins or peels. A daily dose of softening laxatives may be recommended to keep your motions soft and easy to pass.

**If you have any severe pains in your abdomen or bleeding you should:**

- Working hours 8am to 5pm – Endoscopy Unit on 01942 264236
- Out of working hours 5pm to 8am - Shevington Ward on 01942 822597
- In case of difficulty - Accident and Emergency on 01942 822441

You have been discharged back to GP care

Appointment date ..... Time .....

You will be sent an appointment for Mr / Dr ..... in the post

You will receive appointments for further investigations

You will require another procedure in .....

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## Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

## Contact Us

Tel: 01942 822376 (Monday to Friday 9am until 4pm)

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## Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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## How We Use Your Information

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